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My dear Friend

I have much pleasure in forwarding the enclosed communication from Sarah Hilditch to thee - the contribution of articles from her sister & herself is a very liberal one, and displays great taste ingenuity and a most painstaking amount of labour bestowed, and the interesting circumstances under which they are contributed renders them more valuable and might perhaps if better known stimulate those who are blessed with the full possession of all their faculties to a more diligent exercise of them for the benefit of the suffering and oppressed. Their box has just been sent off to Glasgow (with another containing the contributions of our own family and two or three friends) - to be forwarded from thence with, I trust a larger collection than that of last year - but of this we at present are ignorant not having heard any thing of the amount, ^{received} but hope they will arrive safe, in time, and prove saleable. Perhaps if a description of this years Bazaar, were furnished suitable for publication here, it might be of use in increasing an interest - and would be useful to send to those to whom we might feel a difficulty in making application for assistance, - and no doubt there are many - ready, like S. Hilditch & her sister, to cooperate, if a way in which they could do so, were pointed out - and perhaps an appeal from you direct would be more effectual - stating also what description of

articles are most acceptable and saleable - as it is possible that most labour is bestowed on some that are of comparatively little demand. - Last spring we prepared an extract from the account in the Liberator, which was inserted in the "British Friend," and would propose that something might be furnished, from thy pen, direct for that Journal, as it circulates among what used to be ^{a large portion of the} the antislavery public in this country - who would no doubt be glad to know in what way they ~~could~~ still effectually assist in loosing the Bonds of Slavery. -

The most disagreeable part, we find, is the marking prices on the things, - our doing so at all, is with the view of saving time and labour to you, after they arrive, as it has always been so late, - but perhaps in doing so we only increase instead of lessening your toil - if the prices are unsuitable and have to be altered. - We should be glad of instructions on this point. -

I feel much obliged for thy kind attention in sending me "Ten Years Experience" and "The Liberty Bell." - Our friend Mary Viner also desires her grateful acknowledgements to be given for the same - but she will probably write soon herself.

We have been grieved to hear such poor accounts of the health of dear W. L. Garrison - and fervently desire that it may please his Divine Master to restore it and prolong his valuable life for many years -

We read the Antislavery Standard with much interest and see with great pleasure the onward progress of

the Cause - but miss many of the names with which we
were familiar while dear George Thompson was among
you - He, I am sorry to say is at present ordered entire
rest and relaxation - till he recover from the effects of too
close application - His family are all well - they now re-
side in London - so that we know much less of them than
formerly when they were in this City, and so near that we
could see their house from our windows -

With best wishes for the success of your Bazaar
and kindest regards for Thyself

I am thy affectionate friend

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